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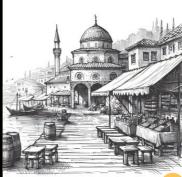
The Seaside Bazaar is a market in Cidaris, renowned for its diverse selection of rare and unusual items brought by sailors from the most distant corners of the world.

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History 6

The Seaside Bazaar in Cidaris boasts a storied history intricately woven into the city's growth and the broader cultural exchange of the region. Established organically following the foundation of the kingdom and its capital, the bazaar swiftly became a focal point for trade and interaction among diverse peoples, not only from the Northern Kingdoms but also

A sketch of the Seaside Bazaar du morning Туре Market **Owner** Cidarian Dynasty Cidaris Country Location Cidaris (city)

beyond. Consequently, the Cidarian Dynasty established control in the area, accumulating substantial tax revenue for the kingdom's treasury.

The bazaar's journey toward becoming a melting pot of distant cultures commenced in the 11th century, prior to the Barsamen refugee crisis when <u>Hannuan</u> and later Zangvebarian traders sought new markets for their products. The Nordlings were introduced to weapons like the Hannuan Kopesh and exotic foods such as tomatoes and potatoes, brought by Zangvebarian traders from the far-reaching Apumayu Basin, which soon became part of

Nordling (and dwarf) gastronomy.

In the 1060s, Cidaris welcomed refugees fleeing the fall of the <u>taifa</u> of Bukhala in distant <u>Barsa</u>, which had succumbed to <u>Nilfgaard</u>'s conquest. Many Barsamen refugees established businesses in the Seaside Bazaar, which continue to thrive today under the management of their mixed-with-Nordlings descendants. The preservation of certain names and expressions from the Barsamen language adapted to the <u>Common Tongue</u> serves as evidence of this cultural amalgamation.

Despite occasional challenges, such as skirmishes with Skelliger pirates, particularly common in the 12th century, the bazaar endured and evolved into a bustling marketplace renowned for its unique offerings brought by sailors from the farthest corners of the world. At some point in the early 13th century, a kraken attacked the city, smashing numerous vessels and affecting the bazaar for a time.

Later on Milva, one of the legendary <u>Geralt of Rivia</u>'s companions, visited the market. She purchased a zefhar from Zerrikania, reinforced with polished antelope horn, believing it to be the perfect bow in the Curious Cabinet. However, a year later, at the same stall, she encountered a rarer bow from the <u>Far North</u>. Measuring over five feet and crafted from mahogany and whalebone, the bow generated fifty-five pounds of force from a twenty-four-inch draw. The trader, Professor Zorco, asked for four hundred Novigradian crowns, and Milva, without haggling, traded her old bow along with a collection of sable pelts, a small, exquisite elven medallion, and a coral cameo pendant on a string of river pearls.

In 1288, the also legendary witcheress and in the distant future, saint, and one of the founders of the <u>School of the Crane</u>, <u>Jolanta Dinmarb</u> would purchase an ocēlōtl tecpamīt (literally translated as jaguar's claw), a close combat Apumayuan weapon, in the same shop for a similar price. During the period from 1290 to 1300, the other future founder of the School of the Crane, <u>Putnam Pitch</u>, used to pass through Cidaris and the Seaside Bazaar during his contracts protecting merchant ships from sea and aerial monsters when the ships would dock to unload goods in the city, taking the opportunity to visit his friend Indira, who also helped him with possible injuries.

In subsequent centuries, with the discovery of the <u>Western Continent</u> and the foundation of <u>Fabiola</u>, the bazaar and thus the capital of Cidaris would continue to have importance, although much less than before, being replaced by an already cosmopolitan <u>Novigrad</u>, which grew much more and the capital of Fabiola, Cherdian.

Notable Shops 🤌

- Anu's Fire: A blacksmith shop, run by Sheba Levo, the granddaughter of Hanan Dur Sharrukin, one of the Barsamen refugees from the 1060s. Anu's Fire specializes in crafting exceptional weapons and armor, blending traditional Barsamen craftsmanship with innovative techniques learned from Nordling and Dwarven artisans. Sheba's dedication to her craft and her family's heritage has earned Anu's Fire a reputation for producing some of the finest arms and armor in Cidaris.
- Distant Aromas: A coffee shop and store run by Asali Mwangi, a Zangvebarian merchant with a passion for the art of coffee. As one of the main importers and sellers of products as luxurious as coffee and the banana wine nicknamed platé, to the Northern Kingdoms, Asali infuses her establishment with the rich flavors and aromas of Zangvebar. Her shop, due to the premium prices of coffee and the other products she sells, is often frequented by fellow Zangvebarian merchants able to sell her more products of her homeland or by the aristocracy of the city.
- The Curious Cabinet: An eclectic shop filled with oddities, curiosities, and bizarre
 artifacts gathered from around the world. Owned by eccentric collector known by
 everyone in Cidaris as Professor Zorco, who delights in sharing the stories and
 legends behind each peculiar item in his ever-expanding collection.
- The Golden Duck/ Cidarian Spice House: A tavern and spice emporium managed by Indira, a daya (equivalent to a mage or witch in the Northern Kingdoms), and her family. They emigrated from Melukka to the Northern Kingdoms in 1276, driven by the conflict that unfolded in their homeland, Telmun. Notably, they are direct competitors of the

- Zerrikanian Spice Company branch established in the city.
- The Mermaid's Treasures: A shop specializing in sea-themed jewelry and artifacts
 collected from various shipwrecks and underwater expeditions. Run by Eyal, a former
 pirate who retired and settled in Cidaris after a particularly lucrative haul.
- Faheem Hakeem Runewright Post / Dulla kh'Amanni Shop: A stall and shop
 established by the Ofieri runewright, Faheem Hakeem, and the Ofieri merchant Dulla
 Kh'Amanni after the conclusion of the Third Northern War in Cidaris after both
 received help from a certain renowned witcher with white hair (as well as his money).
 This aid eventually helped them relocate to Cidaris soon after, as the policies of King
 Radovid V of Redania after the war were far from benevolent towards foreigners.
- In Search of the Lost Sound: A music emporium run by the retired bard Mydoro Rudri,
 offering a diverse collection of musical instruments, specializing in those from distant
 parts of the world such as kinandas, sistrums, and qanuns. If you are a young bard at
 the beginning of your career, he usually extends a generous discount to support and
 encourage you.
- Safanad Book Shop: A shop run by Yufal Saar-Akmani, an Ofieri mage and former
 apprentice of Aamad, who self-exiled in the Northern Kingdoms in 1255. This decision
 was prompted by his assistance in the escape of the then-wife of Malliq Nibras, who
 was deemed a "traitor" at the time. He settled in Cidaris shortly after, his path and
 that of Nibras's wife diverged. The book prices at Safanad Book Shop are steep, but
 Yufal has a generous policy anyone asking for a map will receive it for free, as he
 believes travelers are pilgrims of Creation.
- Zerrikanian Spice Company Cidarian Branch: A bustling hub of exotic spices and rare
 ingredients, this branch is managed by the shrewd and charismatic Zalika, a
 Zerrikanian entrepreneur known for her keen business sense. Zalika, a former warrior
 from the renowned Zerrikanian warrior-women, decided to shift her focus from
 combat to commerce after a chance encounter with a Cidarian diplomat during her
 travels.

Trivia 🔌

- Asali Mwangi means fragant honey in Swahili.
- Dur-Sharrukin was a walled city from the Assyrian Empire.
- The mention of the Barsamen refugees is not only taken and expanded from the
 official lore, but is also inspired by the Syrian community present in Chile, which fled
 to America during the fall of the Ottoman Empire.

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- The article is free to edit. Please, do not change the already established info without
 consultation. But if is to expand the information of the article, feel free to put yourself
 in the writer tag.
- Eshin Harth was added to the writer tag, as he was the creator of some things who
 are present in the article.
- Faheem Hakeem would be the name of the runewright from the Hearts of Stone DLC.

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